VIRGINIA: AT A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ON FEBRUARY 12, 2021, AT 1:00 P.M.

**Board of Supervisors Present:** 

David T. Williams, District 1

Michael W. Byerly, District 3, Vice Chairman

Bill L. Cox, District 4

Karin M. Carmack, District 5, Chairman

**Board of Supervisors Absent:** 

None

**County Staff Present:** 

Ned Smither, County Administrator

Tom Lacheney, County Attorney, present remotely

Charla Schubert, Director of Finance

John Wood, Director of Information Technology Ramona Carter, Director of Public Works, present

remotely

**Constitutional Officers Present:** 

Brad Nunnally, Sheriff

**Guests Present:** 

None

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Carmack called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

a. Identify Public Entity members physically and/or electronically present

Mrs. Carmack identified the Board members, Mr. Smither, and Mr. Lacheney, and their locations.

b. Identify the persons responsible for receiving public comment

County Administration staff will accept emailed comments at <a href="mailed:administration@powhatanva.gov">administration@powhatanva.gov</a>. Any comments received until 1:00 pm, on the day of the meeting will be entered into the meeting minutes.

c. Identify opportunities for the public to access the electronic meeting

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The public was able to participate in the meeting by using: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/398095011">https://zoom.us/j/398095011</a> by computer. Phone access was possible by dialing: US: 1-929-205-6099 or 1-312-626-6799. As always, the public could view the live feed from the County website.

d. Identify opportunities for the public to participate in such an electronic meeting

The public was able to view and participate in the meeting live with the Zoom meeting link. During the public comment period, members of the public could raise their hands using the zoom controls on their screens, or press \*9 on their phone.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Invocation

Mr. Byerly led the Invocation

# 4. Requests to Postpone Agenda Items and Additions, Deletions or Changes in the Order of Presentation

Chairman Carmack moved to remove item 7a from the Agenda until further notice. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

Mr. Byerly Aye
Mr. Cox Aye
Mrs. Carmack Aye

### VOTE 3-0 MOTION Passed

Mr. Byerly made a motion to add 8b to the Agenda, which would be the District 2 Supervisor appointment discussion.

Mr. Williams Nay
Mr. Byerly Aye
Mr. Cox Nay
Mrs. Carmack Aye

### VOTE 2-2 MOTION Fail

## 5. Formal Approval of Agenda

Chairman Carmack made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Byerly seconded the motion.

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David T. Williams, Michael W. Byerly, Bill L. Cox, Karin M. Carmack voted AY E

### VOTE 4-0 MOTION Passed

**Public Comment** (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Carmack opened the first public comment period.

Daryl Brickman, 2756 Dorset Ridge Circle, talked about the School Board's involvement in political apparatuses, and asked the Board to read past the sales pitch of the social justice that is being taught. Mr. Brickman's comment was left at the 5:22 mark on the Powhatan County YouTube video.

Chairman Carmack closed the second public comment period

### 7. New Business

a. Discussion of FY22 Budget

Mr. Smither presented models and spreadsheets to the Board. He stated that he wanted to focus on future initiatives.

1. Multi-year Forecast Model.

This model looked at the County's ten-year projected budget from years 2020 through 2030.

- 2. Fund Balance Forecast Chart
- 3. Assumption Model

This model showed different projected variables in different charts. Some of the charts include salary assumptions, debt compacity, gross debt of assessed value, and fund balance variables. The model goes over many different subjects and brought up a lot of different discussions.

Mr. Smither raised some concern for the projected fringe benefits percentages, mainly in the cost of healthcare.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Cox, Mr. Byerly, Mrs. Carmack, and Mr. Smither discussed, at length, some of the concerns regarding future employment. Mr. Williams and Mr. Cox have asked Mr. Smither to provide a new spreadsheet with more detailed information on the different positions with more specific information. The model provided had a projected 3% employment cost all around.

Mr. Cox asked for a report with the School's projected deficit or surplus based on the years 2020 and 2021. He stated that he would like to see the CARES Act contribution in this report as well.

Mr. Byerly stated that we should have our own guideline for real estate tax assessment, as opposed to using Goochland County's guidelines.

Mr. Smither moved on to discuss the CIP. He stated that in regards to the Pocahontas Landmark Center, we have narrowed it down to two options: renovate or demolish. Mr. Cox responded by saying that he would like to see some real numbers from paid professionals for both.

Mr. Smither explained some of the changes that he had made to the CIP. Some of the changes include: eliminating the Landmark Center softball parking lot, moving the softball parking lot money to the Landmark Center parking lot, narrowing the cost of the parking lot to \$85,000, the athletic field irrigation upgrades have been moved to the operating budget, moving the Registrar's equipment to the capital budget, a borrowing misunderstanding with handheld devices, and the Fighting Creek Park extension was removed as it was in the CIP twice.

Mr. Cox asked about the \$700,000 upgrades to the Fighting Creek Wastewater Plant. He stated that, to his knowledge, it was recommended that it be torn down. Mrs. Carter responded by saying that a later recommendation was made to keep the NPDS permit, as it was extremely difficult to obtain.

10. Public Comment (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Carmack opened the second public comment period.

One citizen came forward, the comments can be seen on the 3:06:28 mark of the Powhatan County YouTube video.

Chairman Carmack closed the second public comment period.

### 11. County Attorney Comments

None

12. County Administrator Comments

None

13. Board Comments

None

#### 14. Adjournment

Chairman Carmack adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.

These minutes were approved on August 23, 2021.

Ned Smither, Clerk

Date

**Powhatan County Board of Supervisors** 

Karin'M. Carmack, Chairman **Powhatan County Board of Supervisors** 

Date

### **Recorded Vote:**

David T. Williams	Aye
Tom E. Berry	Aye
Michael W. Byerly	Aye
Bill L. Cox	Aye
Karin M. Carmack	Aye